vs:the other tvvo toward vs,noting double thanke to be due to vs for the bene-
fit, we haue done.

Deaffly] Finelye and nimbly. Soote] Sweete. Meriment] Mirth.

Beuie] A beauie of Ladyes,is spoken figuratiuely for a company or troupe. the terme is taken of Larkes.For they say a Beuie of Larkes,euen as a Couey of Partridge, or an eye of Pheasaunts.

Ladyes of the lake] be Nymphes.For it vvas an olde opinion amongste the Auncient Heathen,that of euery spring and fountaine vvas a goddesse the Soueraigne. VVhiche opinion stucke in the myndes of men not manye yeares sithence,by meanes of certain fine fablers and lowd lyers,such as were the Authors of King Arthure the great and such like,who tell many an vnlavvfull leasing of the Ladyes of the Lake,that is,the Nymphes. For the word Nymphe in Greeke signifieth VVell water,or otherwise a Spouse or Bryde.

Bedight] called or named.

Cloris]the name of a Nymph,and signifieth greenesse,of vvhome is sayd, that Zephyrus the VVesterne wind being in loue with her,and coueting her to wyfe, gaue her for a dowrie, the chiefedome and soueraignty of al flowres and greene herbes, growing on earth.

Oliues bene] The Oliue vvas vvont to be the ensigne of Peace and quietnesse, eyther for that it cannot be planted and pruned,and so carefully looked to,as it ought, but in time of peace:or els for that the Oliue tree, they say, vvill not growe neare the Firre tree, vvhich is dedicate to Mars the God of battaile, and vsed most for speares and other instruments of warre.VVhereupon is finely feigned, that vvhen Neptune and Minerua stroue for the naming of the citie of Athens, Neptune striking the ground with his mace, caused a horse to come forth,that importeth vvarre,but at Mineruaes stroke sprong out an Oliue, to note that it should be a nurse of learning,and such peaceable studies.

Binde your] Spoken rudely,and according to shepheardes simplicitye.

Bring] all these be names of flovvers. Sops in vvine a flovvre in colour much like to a Coronation,but differing in smel and quantitye.Flowre delice,that which they vse to misterme,Flovvre de luce,being in Latine called Flos delitiarum.

A Bellibone] or a Bonibell. homely spoken for a fayre mayde or Bonilasse.

Forsvvonck and forswatt] ouerlaboured and sunneburnt.

I savv Phœbus]the sunne.A sensible Narration,& present view of the thing mentioned, which they call ὑποτύπωσιν.

Cynthia] the Moone so called of Cynthus a hyll,vvhere she was honoured.

Latonaes seede] VVas Apollo and Diana. VVhom vvhen as Niobe the vvife of Amphion scorned,in respect of the noble fruict of her vvombe, namely her seuen sonnes,and so many daughters,Latona being therewith displeased, commaunded her sonne Phœbus to slea al the sonnes,and Diana all the daughters:where at the vnfortunate Niobe being sore dismayed, and lamenting out of measure, vvas feigned of the Poetes, to be turned into a stone vpon the sepulchre of her children.for which cause the shepheard sayth,he vvill not compare her to them, for feare of like myslfortune.

Now rise] is the conclusion.For hauing so decked her vvith prayses and comparisons,he returne

returneth all the thanck of hys labouré to

VVhen Damsins] A base reward of a clovvnish g

Yblent] Y, is a poeticall addition.blent blinded.

Embleme.

This Poesye is taken out of Virgile,and there of h
mother Venus,appearing to him in liken
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comparing the excelency of Elisa,and be
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answereth vvith another part of the like
approuaunce,that Elisa is novvhit inferio
that Poete so boldly pronounced,O dea

Ægloga Qu

ARGVME

In this firste Æglogue, vnder the persons
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is daungerous to mainteine any felowship,o